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- "Soviet police and military units were shifted in August 1952 from Ashkhabad and Samarkand to the Surcabad area on the border of Afghanistan. A new airfield has been built in Surcabad for border patrol planes.
- "Reserve units belonging to the Frontier Guards Regiments are being trained in Shirabad on the frontier between the Uzbek SSR and the Tadzhik SSR.
- "In the town of Termez there are about 400 agents and guards of Afghan nationality. Most of them have crossed the border illegally from northern Afghanistan. They are all Communists with a thorough knowledge of local conditions on the Afghan side of the border.
- "A special military intelligence unit was set up at the beginning of September 1952 in the town of Mary in the Turkmen SSR. Its task is to establish links between various Iranian tribes in the Meshed valley. It aims to organize armed bands within Iran."

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